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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
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S/N 09/616,526

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: MALAK ET AL. Examiner: T. STRZELECKA
Serial No.: 09/616,526 Group Art Unit: 1637
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Title: PROCESSES FOR THE PREPARATION OF NOVEL COLLAGEN-BASED SUPPORTS FOR TISSUE ENGINEERING AND BIOMATERIALS OBTAINED

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.6(d): The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence is being transmitted via facsimile to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on November 13, 2002.

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2002, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please cancel claims 1-64 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Please add new claim 65- 132 as given below.

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S. (New) A composite acellular product forming a collagen support comprising at least one porous collagen layer covered on at least one side with a collagen membrane prepared by a compression of a collagen sponge at a pressure of at least about 50 bar.

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Amendment & Response

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks presented herein, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' representative at the number given below if it would advance prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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